

Report of Executive Secretary  
Board Meeting  
Tues. May 10th, 1932

*By Board  
degree attitude as whole  
members shall live.*

Mr. Chairman,  
Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
Executive Committee:

I think we do well to take stock at intervals to ascertain if the identity of our interests with this social work enterprise is duly compensated by pertinent achievements. The question arises, is the challenge of this project potent and commanding enough to exact of us collective contributions which in the ultimate analysis are the aggregate achievements of the organization. Are our individual and collective efforts comparable to the social service opportunity created by the magnitude of the social maladjustments of the community?

The individual and organization now privileged to be engaged in social service administration has contact and connection with the one vital and far reaching movements today. The most cursory analysis will reveal to us the high privilege that is ours by virtue of our engagement in the conservation and rehabilitation of human assets. The accomplishment--the solutions of the common problems wrought by this organization will after very significant fashion determine the future community usefulness of this organization. The current crisis furnishes a test--the successful meeting of this test reflects the constructive strength of the organization.

THE PHYLLIS WHEATLEY HOME

During the month very vigorous efforts have been made to return the home to a paying and self-sustaining basis. This has meant that three of the delinquent girls have been discontinued. All of the remaining delinquent girls have made substantial payments on their accounts. The receipts for the month of April show a gratifying increase in collections. One new girl has taken quarters since our last meeting. The hope

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is that the three vacancies will be filled during the month, and that other collections will be made on delinquent rentals. For the month of April collections were made in the sum of \$128.23. This figure shows an increase of \$78.18, over the preceding month. I should take this opportunity to urge you to refer any girls to us who in your opinion may fit into the home life of our project. We want so much that the Phyllis Wheatley Home may be retained as a self-sustaining community project.

WELFARE SERVICE DURING THE MONTH

Two months ago I told you of the request made of us by an aged employee of Swift and Company. From the investigation it was discovered that the employee was not eligible for pension because of his age at the time of initial engagement. Swift and Company, however, made a financial allowance for natural disability.

The American Red Cross is distributing in Essex County a quantity of flour to indigent families. The families eligible for the flour are the families carried in the case load of the Department of Public Welfare, the Catholic Charities, Jewish Social Service and the Social Service Bureau. In addition to these families we were certain that this arrangement left out of account poor families. For example a group of persons who were listed as receiving work relief 3 days per week at \$4.00 per day. In actual practice the men did not get the allotted allotment of days. And if they received the full quota of days work it would not be sufficient for the care of the family. There were other families in which there was poverty that had not made application for relief. These two groups of poverty stricken citizens were brought to the attention of the American Red Cross. To date we have secured flour for the heads of 412 families or 10,024 pounds of flour. This service does help out in instances in which there is underemployment, or in which

the family is not eligible for direct relief through family welfare agencies.

One of the difficulties that most of the indigent families encounters is the payment of rent. We have been able to interest our Dr. Levy in exchanging a five room apartment for the service of a painter-plasterer. This is to say the painter-plasterer will spend his leisure time in plastering and painting for Dr. Levy. This arrangement will mean a cash savings of \$360.00 per year for the client.

#### THE INITIATION OF PLANS FOR THE SECURING OF DONATIONS AND GIFTS

During the month the staff has been able to gather \$102.00 in new memberships from interested friends. The staff is ambitious to secure sufficient funds to take care of the mortgage that falls due June 14th.

We still entertain the hope that the Department of Public Safety will make available funds to help out in this emergency. Our Dr. Alexander and Mr. Bennwart have been helpful in making known our claims to the Director of Public Safety. At present we are trying to interest the Superintendent of the Middle Atlantic Conference Congregational Christian Church in a phase of our work. The definite thing we are asking that they do is finance our Household Arts work for the rest of the year beginning at August 1932. The Executive Secretary of the Board of Social Service of the Newark Diocese of the Episcopal Church has been approached. We have an understanding that funds are available. I want the Executive Committee to know that the organization's agreement with the Welfare is not being violated in these approaches. We hope that we will have a more encouraging and specific report to make at a subsequent meeting.

#### THE BUDGET

Experience teaches that social conditions that immediately follow

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N. J. Urban League.  
58 W. Market St.  
Newark, N.J.

May 10, 1932

The Executive Committee met on the above date at 58 Market Street. The Rev. Mr. Garner presiding in the absence of the Chairman. Those present: Mr. and Mrs. Bannwart, Mrs. Bell, Dr. Bell, Dr. Dawkins, Rev. Ellerson, Powell, Dr. Wolfe.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Bannwart.

The Industrial Secretary, after giving a general survey of the unemployment situation, told of three promising contracts made during the month. H. B. Deursen, personnel manager of the A. and P.; Morse of the G. E. Co. O. Harrison; Miller of the Sinclair Oil Company in Port Newark.

Motion by Mr. Powell that report be read and placed on file.

Treasurer's report should bank balance May 1st....	\$61.30
Thrift Account.....	78.91
Obligations.....	\$1,239.90

In his report, the Executive Secretary stated that he had been able to get the Red Cross flour for 410 families where the income was very meager.

\$102 in dues had been collected. The proposed budget for 1933.....\$8,736.76

Mr. Bannwart reporting for the budget committee stated that some much needed repairs had to be included in the next year's budget. Furnace, electric wiring, floor covering and an item for cleaning the front of the building.

At this point Mrs. Palmer's letter of resignation from the Executive Committee was read. Motion by Mr. Bannwart, seconded by Dr. Bell that the letter be considered at next meeting. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

A. Hamilton Garner, Vice Chairman

Una M. Junifer, Sect'y.